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Re: CONTINUOUS PROCESS FOR EXPANDING TOBACCO
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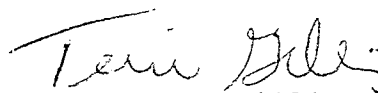
Dear Dr. Inskeep:

Enclosed is an Office Action which has been received in connection with the above-identified application. As you can see, the Examiner has rejected all of the claims over art which was discussed in the application. Note that although PTO Form 326 refers only to Claims 1 - 7, the accompanying Examiner's remarks discuss the rejection of all 11 claims.

Please review the Office Action with the inventors and advise me whether there are any further points which can be made to overcome this art beyond those already made in the application. Of particular interest would be any actual data indicating the benefits of the process relative to the cited art processes.

If you would like to discuss the Office Action, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,


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